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AGREES

To Meet All Just Demands.

Latest Turn In Venezuelan Affair.

News Cabled to State Department This Morning.

Washington, Dec. 31.—President Castro has agreed to meet all just demands of any of the powers, was the statement made to Minister Bowen yesterday, who forwarded it to the State department this morning.

The department immediately transmitted it to the United States Ambassadors at capitals of the countries interested. This agreement of President Castro is taken to mean that he practically complies with conditions laid down by the powers.

NEW JOB FOR COUNCILMAN RICE

Councilman Alvin Rice has resigned his position as traveling salesman with Apple, Rice & Co., after 14 years service in various departments of the plant, with a view to devoting all his time to the Sequin Gold Mining Co., of Buffalo, in which company he has been elected a director. He will open an office in the Odd Fellows' Temple.

ALL INHABITANTS

Of Pottsville Came Near Being Asphyxiated.

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 31.—Leaking of a naphtha pipe at the gas plant, with accompanying heavy atmosphere, put thousands in this city in a condition bordering on suffocation. The people awoke choking and gasping for breath. Of 16,000 inhabitants there was hardly one unaffected, but none died, though some came near it.

NOT GUILTY.

Verdict In Case No. 1 Against Plumacher.

The trial of W. Plumacher in Police court for assault and battery alleged to have been committed Dec. 20, ended late Tuesday afternoon, with a verdict of not guilty rendered by Mayor Doyle.

The second case against Plumacher for keeping a disorderly house began Wednesday morning, and promises to occupy all of Wednesday.

OBJECTS.

His Honor Takes Issue With Councilman Wilhelm.

Mayor Doyle objects to Councilman Wilhelm's alleged remark that Police court occupies only an hour of His Honor's time each morning. By Wednesday night the Mayor will have occupied two full days holding court, and at noon Wednesday he remarked with some spirit that "Wilhelm seems to think that all the time my Police court duties take is when I sit in that chair. I always put in two hours a day, at least."

Railroads In Ohio.

Columbus, O., Dec. 31.—State Railroad Commissioner Morris today filed his annual report with the Governor. It shows 9,659 miles of main line in Ohio, an increase of 83 over 1901. This mileage represents a capitalization of \$310,705,197. Dividends were declared on the Ohio portion of lines aggregating \$825,293. Of 52 operating companies only 21 paid dividends.

GATHERING

For January Term of Common Pleas Court.

Judge J. A. Kohler has returned from Syria, and was at the Court House Wednesday morning. The employees and officials generally are returning from the Christmas visits, and while there will not be a great deal of business done this week, it is expected that everything will be in shape by the first next. The January term of Common Pleas court begins Jan. 5.

FINE SHOWING

Made by the First Congregational Church.

The congregation of the First Congregational church has passed a very prosperous year.

At the annual meeting, held this week, financial reports were eminently satisfactory and 70 new members have been added. A payment of \$850 was made on the old debt and \$500 was paid out for improvement of the heating equipment. A sum amounting to \$6,400 was paid out for incidental expenses, and in addition the congregation has pledged for not less than \$1,000. During the past year \$1,200 was paid to missions, and the Deacons' fund, for the relief of the poor, has been extended to \$300, nearly double the ordinary amount. There is also an aggregate surplus of \$500 in the various treasuries of the church.

The following gentlemen were elected trustees for the year: Messrs. A. K. Brewster, E. J. Alderfer, Charles A. Anderson and W. F. Laubach.

PLENTY OF ICE.

Four and a Half Inches On Summit Lake.

Expected That Thousands Will Enjoy Skating.

The management of Summit Lake park announces that there is now plenty of ice for skating on the lake. During the past week or more there have been thousands of inquiries, personally and by telephone, about the ice, but up to Wednesday Menches brothers have not advised any one to trust it.

Now it is stated that there are at least four and a half inches of solid ice and that its glary surface would safely bear an army. Near Summit Lake park the snow has been scraped away so as to make an excellent place for skating, and it is expected that while the cold weather lasts, there will be thousands to enjoy the exhilarating sport.

NEW HOME

To be Erected For the Pastor.

Officers Elected For German Reformed Church.

At the annual meeting of the German Reformed church, it was demonstrated that the congregation is in a flourishing condition. There are now 700 members, 75 of whom entered the church during the past year.

It was decided to renew the decorations in the church, have the frescoes repainted, etc., and also to start a fund with a view to ultimately erecting a new parsonage. The following officers have been elected:

H. Haas and John Angne, elders; A. Miller and Charles Herberich, deacons; and Charles Haas and L. Angne, cemetery trustees.

COACHMEN ALSO ABOUT TO STRIKE

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 31.—The coachmen of Albany are dissatisfied with the prevailing rate of wages and have presented a schedule to the liverymen who have until Jan. 1 to reply. Unless their demands are granted, they say they will strike and society people are fearful that they will have to walk or forego their New Year's calls.

Should the coachmen go on strike, it would seriously interfere with the reception to be given by Governor and Mrs. Odell New Year's afternoon at the mansion.

PLATE GLASS WINDOWS BROKEN

Horse Attached to Sleigh Caused Trouble.

A horse attached to a sleigh belonging to Attorney Chas. Baird, ran away Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock and crashed into a plate glass window in Greenwood Brothers' clothing store, at the corner of Market and Howard streets. As a result two of the windows were broken. The coachman was thrown out, but escaped injury.

ANOTHER

Bank For Barberton.

Incorporated With a Capital of \$300,000.

Will Start to Do Business Almost Immediately.

(Special Correspondence.)

Barberton, Dec. 31.—Another banking institution has been organized and incorporated to do business here. The Citizens' Building, Loan & Savings Co., with a capital of \$300,000, was incorporated at Columbus Tuesday. The incorporators are: O. D. Everhard, E. F. Baker, J. L. Free, Leonard Miller, A. D. Barnes, W. E. Stinson, and M. O. Anthony. The company will proceed almost immediately to do such a business as is indicated by the name. For the present, at least, quarters will be obtained in some office building, and the future will depend upon developments.

This is an addition along the lines that are rapidly making Barberton an important financial center.

DEVERY

Again Commits Himself on "The Gang."

Protest Against His Serving on Committee.

New York, Dec. 31.—"Big Bill" Devery was handed a new year's present by Tammany hall last night that didn't please him a bit.

The executive committee of Tammany met and Devery, as chosen leader of the Ninth district, appeared as the district representative.

A few minor matters had been disposed of when the secretary announced that a protest had been made against recognizing Devery on the committee.

Devery wanted it read and while he was asking about it, the committee adjourned. At a meeting of the several committees later Devery was protested again. After it was over, Devery delivered himself thus upon the situation:

"The people are being highbrowed by this gang. Who threw me out? Why, the big four. There's grand central Plunkitt, the truth about him would poison the air, Pennsylvania Charley Murphy, who held up the tunnel; Dago Dan with his waxed moustache (McMahon), and Big Tim, who tries to skin the New York Central and the Pennsylvania at the same time. Do they think they can put up such a job on me? I'm no railroad to be held up and no farmer to take the big mitt and slide home.

"Before I'm done with them I'll make them dance a Liverpool horn-pipe."

"Will you go to the courts, chief?" he was asked.

"I'll go every which way," shouted Big Bill. "And I'll win. They can't keep me out. These jumping jacks are not grafting a franchise when they take hold of me. They've got a live one to deal with. I've got the law with me and I'll fight, fight, fight. I feel disgusted enough with the gang to start an independent Democratic labor party over our way. But I'm going to fight. I want to fight. I'll fight every minute."

Advance In Crude Oil.

Toledo, Dec. 31. The Standard Oil Co., today raised the price of crude oil in all fields 3 cents. This action was taken, so it is said, to increase the production until the supply equals demands. The raise puts North Lima to \$1.15, and South Lima and Indiana \$1.10.

Thousands Starving.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 31.—Thousands are starving in New Guinea as the result of a long drought. Some are subsisting on roots, grubs and vermin, while others have resorted to cannibalism, eating the bodies of those who have died of starvation. Two European prospectors have been murdered.

New Year's Paper and Carriers' Greeting

Owing to Thursday's being a holiday, the Democrat for that day will, as usual, be issued in the morning, instead of in the afternoon. The papers will be delivered to customers early in the morning. It will contain a number of special features. The Democrat's carriers will bring attractive Greetings to our readers, when they deliver the morning's papers, and we are sure the little fellows will appreciate the usual reminders of the occasion, in consideration of faithful service throughout the year now closing.

GOLD

Never More Plentiful.

Showing In the United States at Present

Far Exceeds That of Any Other Country.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The United States treasury will start the new year with more gold in its vault than any other government has ever held at any time before. There is now in the treasury building at Washington and in various sub-treasuries throughout the country \$615,319,367 in gold. These holdings are four times as much as the present holdings of the Bank of England; one and a half times as much as is held by the Bank of France; four times as much as the Imperial German bank holds, and nearly twice as much as the Imperial Bank of Russia possesses.

The stock of gold in the United States States, Dec. 1, was \$1,230,573,772, showing a monthly average increase since the close of June of \$7,615,639. Since the first of January, 1898, there has been an annual average gain of \$107,783,639 in gold.

Akron Knights Attended.

Wooster, O., Dec. 31.—The fourth annual banquet and reception given by Wooster Commandery, No. 48, Knights Templars, to their ladies was held at their asylum in Masonic Temple Tuesday evening. Nearly two hundred covers were laid. Out of town guests were present from Cleveland, Canton, Massillon, Akron, Columbus, and Pittsburg.

ASKED

For Something to Eat,

But Bouncer Waved Him to the Door.

Death as Result of Starvation Followed Soon Afterward.

New York, Dec. 31.—Scores of business men, lunching in a downtown cafe, yesterday noticed a stalwart young man who entered and looked pleadingly around the cafe and then left, when the bouncer waved his hand. The man wore no hat, coat or waistcoat. Outside, a policeman asked him what was the trouble.

Pointing to his body the man answered in Polish, "I'm hungry." He then staggered, and pressing his hands to his body, sank to his knees and fell over. He was carried to a stable, where he died, muttering faintly that he was hungry. The coroner decided that death was caused by starvation. The dead man has not been identified.

BARBER'S

Case to Come Up Early.

Grand Jury Will Consider it Monday.

It is stated that the first case to be considered by the Grand Jury, when it begins next Monday is that of John H. Barber, now at the county jail. Until the Grand jury has disposed of the case in some way, it is stated that Barber will be permitted to receive no callers. The family of boarders at the county jail now is especially small. There are but four of them in all—Barber, John Bottleheimer, who is serving a jail sentence of assault and battery, and two men named Young and Swan, who are charged with robbing cars.

Gonnin Returned.

Mr. Matt Gonnin, of the Akron News Co., 101 North Main st., who disappeared from his home and place of business Tuesday, Dec. 23, returned home Tuesday night. Mr. Gonnin has been married only two months. He has some mental trouble at times and disappeared while thus affected. It is supposed that he was in Cleveland.

BECOMING SERIOUS.

One Local Plant Forced to Use Wood For Fuel.

The coal situation in Akron is also becoming serious. "We could sell 50 extra carloads a day if we could get the supply," remarked Mr. G. H. Newman, with the Akron and Loomis-Moss companies, while discussing the condition, Tuesday evening. When asked to assign a cause for the shortage, he said:

"The railroads are continually complaining of a lack of cars, but I think they are also interfered with greatly by a lack of motive power. Hundreds of loaded cars are resting on the tracks waiting to be moved. This ought to make it clear that the number of engines is inadequate. There is plenty of coal, if it could only be delivered in the market."

For nearly a month the potteries and sewer pipe industries, which require an abundance of coal for their kilns, have been threatened with a hold-up, but they have managed thus far to keep their plants in operation practically all the time.

Every now and then Taplin, Rice & Co. have been forced to fall back on wood for fuel. Of course they could not operate their plant long at a time with this kind of fuel, but it has been used to help out.

The estimate of Mr. Newman that 50 extra carloads of coal per day could be sold here is not idle talk. Nearly every manufacturing plant in the city is complaining of a shortage in supply.

Added 10,000 New Members During Month of December

"We have added 10,000 new members during the month of December," said Supreme Treasurer L. E. Sisler, of the Macabees, Wednesday, while discussing Macabeesism, and he added, "2,500 of the are in Ohio." This is the best showing ever made by the Macabees during a single month. The list of new members obtained in November contained 7,085 names. Dr. Sisler has not yet decided when he will remove his family to Port Huron, the home of the National K. O. T. M. headquarters, but it will likely be early in the spring. He likes his new position very much.

ONE CENT A WORD

Much Cheaper Communication Possible, Says Marconi.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 31.—Communication with England for one cent a word is one of the probabilities of the wireless telegraph, according to Signor Marconi, who spoke at a banquet tendered him last night in honor of his recent achievements at Table Head in sending wireless messages to Europe. Comparing the limited cost of laying the trans-atlantic cable and the construction of a wireless station, Marconi said that \$4,000,000, was necessary to lay the cable, while the wireless station could be erected for \$200,000.

Carriage Factory Destroyed.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 31.—The Charles Albrecht carriage factory was destroyed by fire this morning. Loss \$100,000. A falling wall buried six firemen, but none were fatally hurt.

ONE KILLED

And a Score Injured In Wreck.

Head-On Collision on Pennsylvania Near Sharon.

Sharon, Pa., Dec. 31.—In a head-on collision on the Pennsylvania railroad one and a half miles west of Middlesex, late last evening the engineer of the passenger train bound for Erie, Ned Daugherty, of Erie, was killed, four were severely injured and almost a score were hurt. The wreck was caused through a misunderstanding of orders. Both engines were demolished and are lying on their sides, while the express, baggage and smoking cars are totally wrecked.

Following is a list of the dead and injured:

Dead: Ned Daugherty, Erie. Injured: Engineer Shallenberger, probably fatally, Erie. Robert Williams, Erie, fireman, serious.

George Gibson, Erie, fireman, serious. Samuel J. McDonald, Greenville, Pa., express messenger, serious.

Among those painfully hurt are: Martin L. Strauss, New York, cut on leg; August Miller, Erie; Mr. Purvis, Utica, N. Y., yard inspector for Pennsylvania railroad at Chicago; J. L. Taylor, Middlesex, Pa.; Mrs. Thomas Law and baby, Struthers, O.; Mrs. Allison Sharpshill, Pa.; H. S. Walz, residence not known; J. F. Patterson, Jamestown, N. Y.; W. K. Ponds, McKeesport; J. Eugene Morris, Pittsburg; David Evans, Pittsburg.

Six of the injured were brought to Sharon hospital on a special train. Samuel McDonald, George Gibson and Engineer Shallenberger will die.

TOO HIGH.

N. O. T. Company Refuses to Pay Prices Asked For Soft Coal.

The N. O. T. Co. received half a carload of hard coal Wednesday, but that is the extent of its supply for nearly a week for the use of the cars. The supply of soft coal is still short at the power houses. It was stated by Mr. T. W. Shelton, the mechanical engineer, Wednesday, that the company could buy plenty of bituminous coal now if it were willing to pay \$4 to \$5 per ton, but it refuses to do that.

WIFE LOST.

Cleveland Husband Here Looking For Her.

William A. Raymer, of 2207 Spafford st., Cleveland, was in Akron Wednesday searching for his lost wife. He visited almost every hotel and boarding house in the city, but up to 3 o'clock had found no trace of her.

The woman's name is Viola M. Raymer. She is said to have left her home Dec. 16, and was last seen in front of the Stanley house in Newburg. Mr. Raymer discovered this Tuesday morning, and thought that she took and A. B. & C. car for Akron. Mr. Raymer is much worried, and cannot account for her absence, unless she became melancholy, and wandered away. He has had no trace of her.

They were married Feb. 23, 1885 and have no children.

THE WEATHER:
FAIR AND WARMER.

GIRLS

Enter Oratorical Contest.

Will Try For State Honors.

Ministers Not to be Selected as Judges.

The oratorical contest at Buchtel college to choose a representative to the State collegiate contest to be held at Marietta in February, will probably be held Friday night, Jan. 10. There promises to be some difficulty before the date is fixed. The college Oratorical association has amended its constitution so that the second Friday after the winter term begins shall always be the time for this preliminary contest. But the members of the association reckoned without considering Founders' day, which comes within two days of the day fixed for the contest. There is a disposition on the part of members of the faculty to favor the same right for the Founders' day exercises, and the students will be perhaps more insistent on having that date for themselves. No serious trouble, however, is anticipated in reaching an agreement.

Three young women will this year try for the honors of the contest. They are Misses Margaret Thomas, Charlotte Weaver, and Lucretia Hemington. The three gentleman contestants will be Messrs. C. C. Carlton, Howard Spangler and Dana Reynolds. It is not planned to have any ministers as judges this year. There is a disposition to believe that they have heretofore been inclined to be too harsh in relation to minor defects.

KEMPEL REALLY A CANDIDATE

For the Democratic Nomination For Mayor.

Hon. Chas. W. Kempel says that he has decided to enter the race for the Democratic nomination for Mayor. He served a term as Representative in the lower branch of the State Legislature, and has been prominent for several years in local labor circles. It is figured by his friends that Mr. Kempel would have the labor vote solid.

Candidate For Auditor.

Mr. Stephen S. Steinmetz, of 502 South High st., announced today that he is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for City Auditor. For six years he has been engaged in the grocery business in Akron. He served as postmaster at Marshfieldville under a part of Cleveland's second administration.

NEW INDUSTRY

Perfumes and Flavoring Extracts to be Made Here.

Another new industry is to be started in Akron soon, but the location has not yet been selected. It will be a plant operated by the Akron Extract & Chemical Co., and the product will be perfumes and flavoring extracts. Incorporators are Messrs. John Shaffer, J. J. Harter, Samuel W. Shaffer, L. R. Thomas and F. B. Burch. The company is capitalized at \$85,000.

DR. LORENZ SAILS FOR HOME

New York, Dec. 31.—When the big ocean liner, Celtic, pulled out of her dock at 10 o'clock this morning, she had on board Dr. Adolf Lorenz, Vienna's bloodless surgeon, and Dr. Muller, assistant, both eminently satisfied with America and with the success of their work here. Before the ship sailed Dr. Lorenz said he would return to America in a short time and visit the cities which he missed in his tour of the nation just ended.

Commercial Travelers to Meet.

Akron Council, No. 87, U. C. T., will hold a special meeting Saturday evening to initiate some new members.